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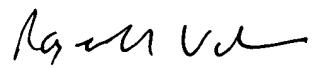
In the office action dated February 27, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-<sup>1</sup> under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,953,686 issued to Hale et al. ("Hale") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,487,562 issued to Mason, Jr. et al. ("Mason").

These claim rejections should be withdrawn because the present application and the Mason patent were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to EMC Corporation.

<sup>1</sup> Claim 7, which was added in Applicants' Amendment dated July 22, 2003, is also pending.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application. Each of the claims is believed to be in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



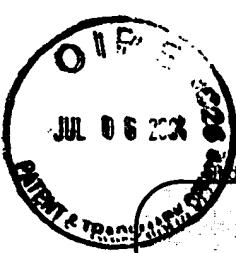
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